

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 794

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Clint Abbott, Jr., upon being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and receiving the 2005 Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful individuals that, through their exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Clint Abbott, Jr., who has attained remarkable success during his illustrious career in the estimable sport of wrestling; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his immeasurable contributions to the sport of wrestling, Mr. Abbott was recently inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott also received the 2005 Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award, which was given in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the development of leadership and citizenship in young people through the sport of wrestling; and

WHEREAS, one of the most demanding sports, wrestling is also one of the oldest sporting competitions, tracing its roots to the ancient Greeks and the earliest Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, Clint Abbott began wrestling in the fall of 1960 during his senior year at Friendsville High School; and

WHEREAS, a tremendous athlete, Clint Abbott proceeded to go undefeated during the regular season and place fourth in the inaugural Tennessee State Wrestling Tournament in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott proceeded to wrestle for Maryville College, during which time he also refereed his first wrestling match (1964); and

WHEREAS, a tireless contributor to and supporter of wrestling, Mr. Abbott has officiated twenty-nine TSSAA State Traditional Wrestling Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Clint Abbott became only the second Tennessee wrestling official to be invited to serve at the NCAA Division I Wrestling Tournament; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Abbott has been named to the TSSAA Hall of Fame, the Maryville College Wall of Fame, the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame, the Blount County Wrestling Hall of Fame, and the Alcoa High School Wall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career in the sport of wrestling, Clint Abbott has demonstrated the utmost talent, ability, and professionalism; he exemplifies the tireless commitment and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Clint Abbott, Jr., for his honorable and astute service to the sport of wrestling and the youth of Tennessee, and we congratulate him upon being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and receiving the 2005 Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.